

## CLAIMS

1. A method for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, the method comprising:

    sending an alert from an originator to a target, the alert including information about the originator and requesting information about the target;

    receiving information by the originator from the target in response to the alert, and

    updating information in the originator about the target, based on the received information.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said sending includes sending a group alert to a group of targets, said receiving includes receiving information from the group of targets, and said updating includes updating information about the group of targets.

3. The method of claim 2, further including updating information in at least one target based on information received from the originator.

4. The method of claim 2, further including updating information in at least one target based on information received from at least another target in the group.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said information includes presence information.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said information includes location information.

7. A computer-readable medium embodying codes for implementing a method for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, the method comprising:

    sending an alert from an originator to a target, the alert including information about the originator and requesting information about the target;

    receiving information by the originator from the target in response to the alert, and

updating information in the originator about the target, based on the received information.

8. The medium of claim 7, wherein said sending includes sending a group alert to a group of targets, said receiving includes receiving information from the group of targets, and said updating includes updating information about the group of targets.

9. The medium of claim 8, the method further including updating information in at least one target based on information received from the originator.

10. The medium of claim 8, the method further including updating information in at least one target based on information received from at least another target in the group.

11. The medium of claim 7, wherein said information includes presence information.

12. The medium of claim 7, wherein said information includes location information.

13. An apparatus for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, comprising:

means for sending an alert from an originator to a target, the alert including information about the originator and requesting information about the target;

means for receiving information by the originator from the target in response to the alert, and

means for updating information in the originator about the target, based on the received information.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for sending includes means for sending a group alert to a group of targets, said means for receiving includes means for receiving information from the group of targets, and said means for updating includes means for updating information about the group of targets.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, further including means for updating information in at least one target based on information received from the originator.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, further including means for updating information in at least one target based on information received from at least another target in the group.

17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said information includes presence information.

18. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said information includes location information.

19. An apparatus for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, comprising:

a memory unit;

a receiver;

a transmitter; and

a processor coupled to the memory unit, the receiver, and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:

sending an alert from an originator to a target, the alert including information about the originator and requesting information about the target;

receiving information by the originator from the target in response to the alert, and

updating information in the originator about the target, based on the received information.

20. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said sending includes sending a group alert to a group of targets, said receiving includes receiving information from the group of targets, and said updating includes updating information about the group of targets.

21. The apparatus of claim 20, the processor further capable of including updating information in at least one target based on information received from the originator.

22. The apparatus of claim 20, the processor further capable of updating information in at least one target based on information received from at least another target in the group.

23. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said information includes presence information.

24. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said information includes location information.

25. A method for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, the method comprising:

    sending at least one alert from an originator requesting information about at least one target user;

    receiving information by the originator in response to the alert, and

    updating information by the originator about the target user, based on information received.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to whether the group is active or passive.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to which target user in the group is registered.

28. The method of claim 25, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to which target user is participating a current communication session.

29. The method of claim 25, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving location information for the target users.

30. A computer-readable medium embodying codes for implementing a method for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, the method comprising:

    sending at least one alert from an originator requesting information about at least one target user;

    receiving information by the originator in response to the alert, and

    updating information by the originator about the target user, based on information received.

31. The medium of claim 30, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to whether the group is active or passive.

32. The medium of claim 30, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to which target user in the group is registered.

33. The medium of claim 30, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to which target user is participating a current communication session.

34. The medium of claim 30, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving location information for the target users.

35. An apparatus for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, comprising:

    means for sending at least one alert from an originator requesting information about at least one target user;

    means for receiving information by the originator in response to the alert, and

    means for updating information by the originator about the target user, based on information received.

36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said means for requesting includes means for requesting information about a group of target users, and said means for receiving includes means for receiving information as to whether the group is active or passive.

37. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said means for requesting includes means for requesting information about a group of target users, and said means for receiving includes means for receiving information as to which target user in the group is registered.

38. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said means for requesting includes means for requesting information about a group of target users, and said means for receiving includes means for receiving information as to which target user is participating a current communication session.

39. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said means for requesting includes means for requesting information about a group of target users, and said means for receiving includes means for receiving location information for the target users.

40. An apparatus for sharing user information in a wireless communication network, comprising:

- a memory unit;

- a receiver;

- a transmitter; and

- a processor coupled to the memory unit, the receiver, and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:

- sending at least one alert from an originator requesting information about at least one target user;

- receiving information by the originator in response to the alert, and

- updating information by the originator about the target user, based on information received.

41. The apparatus 40, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to whether the group is active or passive.

42. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to which target user in the group is registered.

43. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving information as to which target user is participating a current communication session.

44. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said requesting includes requesting information about a group of target users, and said receiving includes receiving location information for the target users.